

HOUSE RESOLUTION No.

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the contributions made by the Indiana Railway Museum toward maintaining the history of our Hoosier railways and promoting tourism in Southern Indiana.

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum is a nonprofit organization founded in 1961 for the purpose of acquiring, restoring, displaying, and operating historic railway equipment;

Whereas, Several diesel and steam locomotives, a rare railway post office car, and a 1951 dining car are included in the Indiana Railway Museum's display of railroad equipment;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum has a membership of over 300 with volunteers who serve as train and station

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Whereas, Since the Indiana Railway Museum opened in French Lick in 1977, the museum has taken over 560,000 passengers on its historic railway tours;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum depot in French Lick, from where all the passenger trains depart, is the original limestone Monon railroad station;

Whereas, The Indiana Railway Museum's 1 3/4 hour train trip meanders through 20 miles of the Hoosier National Forest, limestone rock-cuts, and the 2,200-foot Burton Tunnel, one of the longest railroad tunnels in the state; and

Whereas, The train ride provided by the Indiana Railway Museum takes our minds back to a time when travel was slower, more scenic, and often friendlier and a time best not forgotten: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to thank the members of the Indiana Railway Museum for their efforts in promoting tourism in Southern Indiana and for helping to maintain interest in our historic Hoosier railway system.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to G. Alan Barnett, president and general manager of the Indiana Railway Museum.

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